# AMENDMENT OF SOLICITATION/MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT

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| 2. AMENDMENT/MODIFICATION NO. | 3. EFFECTIVE DATE | 4. REQUISITION/PURCHASE REQ. NO. | 5. PROJECT NO. (If applicable) |
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| 0001 | 06/13/2007 | | |

| 6. ISSUED BY | CODE | CPM | 7. ADMINISTERED BY (If other than Item 6) | CODE |
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CAO Procurement Management
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Washington, DC 20515

| 8. NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONTRACTOR (No., street, county, State and Zip Code) | | |
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| | (X) | 9A. AMENDMENT OF SOLICITATION NO. OPR07000068 |
| | (X) | 9B. DATED (SEE ITEM 11) 05/29/2007 |
| | | 10A. MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT/ORDER NO. |
| | | 10B. DATED (SEE ITEM 13) |

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## 11. THIS ITEM ONLY APPLIES TO AMENDMENTS OF SOLICITATIONS

[X] The above numbered solicitation is amended as set forth in Item 14. The hour and date specified for receipt of Offers [ ] is extended, [X] is not extended.

Offers must acknowledge receipt of this amendment prior to the hour and date specified in the solicitation or as amended, by one of the following methods:

(a) By completing Items 8 and 15, and returning _____ copies of the amendment; (b) By acknowledging receipt of this amendment on each copy of the offer submitted; or (c) By separate letter or telegram which includes a reference to the solicitation and amendment numbers. FAILURE OF YOUR ACKNOWLEDGMENT TO BE RECEIVED AT THE PLACE DESIGNATED FOR THE RECEIPT OF OFFERS PRIOR TO THE HOUR AND DATE SPECIFIED MAY RESULT IN REJECTION OF YOUR OFFER. If by virtue of this amendment you desire to change an offer already submitted, such change may be made by telegram or letter, provided each telegram or letter makes reference to the solicitation and this amendment, and is received prior to the opening hour and date specified.

## 12. ACCOUNTING AND APPROPRIATION DATA (If required)

## 13. THIS ITEM ONLY APPLIES TO MODIFICATION OF CONTRACTS/ORDERS. IT MODIFIES THE CONTRACT/ORDER NO. AS DESCRIBED IN ITEM 14.

| CHECK ONE | |
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| [ ] | A. THIS CHANGE ORDER IS ISSUED PURSUANT TO: (Specify authority) THE CHANGES SET FORTH IN ITEM 14 ARE MADE IN THE CONTRACT ORDER NO. IN ITEM 10A. |
| [ ] | B. THE ABOVE NUMBERED CONTRACT/ORDER IS MODIFIED TO REFLECT THE ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES (such as changes in paying office, appropriation date, etc.) SET FORTH IN ITEM 14. |
| [ ] | C. THIS SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT IS ENTERED INTO PURSUANT TO AUTHORITY OF: |
| [ ] | D. OTHER (Specify type of modification and authority) |

E. IMPORTANT: Contractor [X] is not, [ ] is required to sign this document and return _____ copies to the issuing office.

## 14. DESCRIPTION OF AMENDMENT/MODIFICATION (Organized by UCF section headings, including solicitation/contract subject matter where feasible.)

Amendment 1. Answers to questions submitted and also review at Pre-Soliciation meeting held on June 12, 2007 are attached.

Except as provided herein, all terms and conditions of the document referenced in Item 9A or 10A, as heretofore changed, remains unchanged and in full force and effect.

| 15A. NAME AND TITLE OF SIGNER (Type or print) | 16A. NAME AND TITLE OF CONTRACTING OFFICER (Type or print) James Tiani |
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| 15B. CONTRACTOR/OFFEROR | 15C. DATE SIGNED | 16B. U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES | 16C. DATE SIGNED |
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| _____ (Signature of person authorized to sign) | | BY _____ (Signature of Contracting Officer) | 06/13/2007 |

No Funding Information

| Line Item Number | Description | Delivery Date (Start date to End date) | Quantity | Unit of Issue | Unit Price | Total Cost |
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No Changed Line Item Fields

**Previous Total:**

**Modification Total:**

**Grand Total:**

# HouseNet Portal Self-Service – RFP OPR07000068 Questions & Answers

1.  The solicitation states 'Fixed hourly rate, level of effort, Time & materials'. Is the contract to be Firm Fixed Price or T&M?

    *Answer: As indicated FIXED Hourly rate (not fixed price), T&M*

2.  Please clarify the statement "No corporate project management hours are required" – Many of the tasks and deliverables described in the Solicitation are project management activities.

    *Answer: The individual(s) should have project management skills. To state it bluntly, corporate overhead should be a part of the rate quoted for the contractors on site. The CAO does not wish to see line items for preparing invoices, an off-site manager to manage the contractor(s) on site, etc.*

3.  Is the contractor responsible for performing tasks – as dictated by the House project managers, or is the contractor responsible for deliverables. If the responsibility is for deliverables, and if the contract is to be Firm Fixed Price, at what point will these deliverables be defined.

    *Answer: The contractor is responsible for performing tasks as assigned by the House COR and project managers, including, but not limited to, work on the deliverables described.*

4.  The schedule anticipates the work to start May 2007; what is the updated schedule?

    *Answer: August 2007 is the anticipated start date for the contractor.*

5.  Are the 'application project managers", referred to on pg. 5, internal House resources?

    *Answer: yes.*

6.  At the top of pg. 6, it states, "provide guidance and support to the other application teams in how to prepare and present their applications for integration" – does the described support include actual implementation?

    *Answer: Implementation work for this contract will be on the ALUI side of the equation only.*

7.  Does the House anticipate change management, knowledge transfer, and user training as part of the 'guidance and support' to be provided by the contractor?

*Answer: Change management, knowledge transfer and user training should be outlined in the integration framework the contractor will be developing. Performance of the change management, knowledge transfer and training tasks will not necessarily be part of this contractor's responsibilities.*

8.  Understanding that HouseNet is running on AquaLogic User Interaction v 6 in .NET environment...; How long has HouseNet been live?

*Answer: the ALUI version of HouseNet has been in a development and test mode since late fall. It is expected to go live by the end of June 2007.*

9.  What is the number of users currently using the portal; and for each of the applications being integrated (e.g., PeopleSoft, Lawson, RMP Remedy? What is the forecast for future users?

*Answer: The House population is fewer than 10,000 users. The current intranet averages 2,600 sessions (35,000 page views) per work day when Congress is in session (not in recess).*

10. What version of Aqualogic (I.e. 6.0 SP1; or 6.1) is currently being used and is there a timetable for future upgrades?

*Answer: ALUI 6.1.1 is the current version, which is the most recent available.*

11. What types of Authentication Sources have been integrated?

*Answer: Active Directory.*

12. What database is being utilized? What version? (i.e. Oracle 10g or SQL 7)

*Answer: ALUI uses SQL Server 2000. Target applications may use different databases.*

13. What version of .Net is being utilized? (I.e. 1.1 or 2.0)

*Answer: .NET 2.0*

14. Are customization pieces are currently integrated into the portal? (I.e. User Services, Navigation, Application integration.)

*Answer: not clear what the question is. In addition to the base portal product, the House has Publisher, Collaboration, and Analytics. All users currently get a default (customized display) navigation and access. ALUI provides a development kit for application integration*

*(http://commerce.bea.com/products/aqualogic/alui/alidk/54/alidk54.jsp: "The AquaLogic Interaction Development Kit (IDK) enables Java and .NET developers to rapidly build, deliver, and enhance user-centric composite applications through AquaLogic Interaction. It provides interfaces for Integration Web Services -- authentication, profile, crawler, and search -- that integrate enterprise systems into AquaLogic Interaction. It provides SOAP-based remote APIs to expose portal, search, and Collaboration features. In addition, the IDK has a portlet API to assist in portlet development.").*

15. Please describe current load balancing and future expansion plans with respect to load balancing?

    *Answer: load balancing is not yet in place for ALUI, but is still in the design and testing phase.*

16. Is the database utilizing RAC for load balancing?

    *Answer: the database is clustered, not load-balanced.*

17. Are other custom applications are being utilized for user experience? (i.e. Macromedia Breeze - Adobe Connect)

    *Answer: no.*

18. Does the portal utilize JSR-168 portlets and/or Oracle ODP.net?

    *Answer: The portal has the container for JSR-168 portlets, but none are currently using it.*

19. How many servers is the current portal environment hosted on?  Specs if possible. Will the contractor be responsible for expanding the environment as a part of this effort?

    *Answer: the ALUI portal resides on three blades, each with four virtual servers for a total of 12 virtual servers. All storage is on the SAN.*

20. Does the House want to utilize a NAS for the Document repository?

    *Answer: This question is not applicable.*

21. Will the implementation involve self help functionality?

    *Answer: would be nice.*

22. What role will the contractor play in resolution of help desk tickets related to Tier 3 coding/portlet issues, and reporting?

*Answer: Direct Tier 3 support is outside the scope.*

23.    Can the House describe the environments (i.e. dev/testing/automated testing environment) that are present? Which, if any, of the non-production environments mirror the production environment? What responsibilities will the contractor have for maintenance of these environments?

*Answer: a dev/test environment is being built to mirror the production environment. The contractor will not be responsible for building servers.*

24.    What is the portal governance process and what will be the contractor's involvement in that process? (i.e. new community requests and structural makeup; e-biz requirements; application integration/new portlet request; etc).

*Answer: Requests for new communities and portlets are outside the scope of this work. The "general implementation framework" that the contractor will be developing will become a part of the portal governance process.*